

THE
Humble Petition
OF
VVILLIAM IENKIN,
Sometimes Minister at *Christ-Church*,
L O N D O N,
Now Prisoner.

Presented to the Parliament.



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Simple Position

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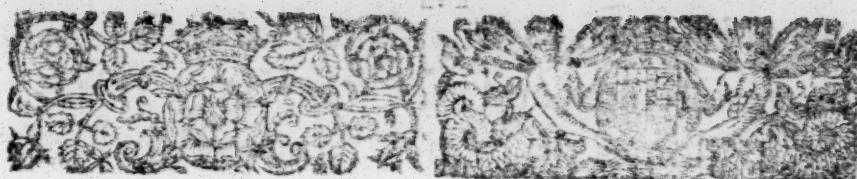
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To the Supream Authority, the Parlia-
ment of the Common-wealth of
ENGLAND.

*The humble Petition of William Ienkin,
Prisoner.*

Most humbly Sheweth :



That your Petitioner, is un-
fainedly sorrowfull for
all his late miscarriages,
whether testified against
him, or acknowledged
by him , and for the
great and sinfull unsuit-
ablenesse of them to his

Calling and Condition.

That upon earnest seeking of God , and dili-
gent inquiring into his Will , your Petitioner is
convinced, that the alteration of Civill Govern-
ments , are ordered by, and founded upon the

wise and righteous Providences of God, who removeth Kings, and setteth up Kings, ruleth in the Kingdomes of men, and giveth them to whomsoever he will.

That the Providences of this God, have in the judgement of your Petitioner, as evidently appeared in the removing of others from, and the investing your Honours with the Government of this Nation, as ever they appeared in the taking away, or bestowing of any Government in any History of any Age of the World.

That hee apprehends that a refusall to bee subject to this present Authority, under the pretence of upholding the Title of any one upon Earth, is a refusall to acquiesse in the wise and righteous pleasure of God, such an opposing of the Government set up by the Sovereigne Lord of Heaven and Earth, as none can have peace, either in acting in, or suffering for; and that your Petitioner looks upon it as his Duty, to yeeld to this Authority, all active and chearefull Obedience in the Lord, even for Conscience sake, to promise (hee being required) truth and fidelity to it, and to hold forth the Grounds of his so doing to any, as God shall call him thereunto.

That

That though an Imprisonment, accompanied with the losse of Estate, and to bee followed (without your gracious prevention) with a speedy Arraignment, before an High and Eminent Iudicatory, are farre from being pleasing to Flesh and Bloud; and though the enjoyment of your Grace and Favour bee a blessing most deserving to bee reckoned among the best of Temporalls, yet that neither the feeling or fearing of the former, nor the expectation of the latter, could have induced your Petitioner against the light of his owne judgement, and the prepondering part of his owne Conscience to have made, or presented this acknowledgment; hee sadly forecasting, that a whole skinne is but a contemptible recompence for a wounded Conscience.

That neverthelesse (hee trusteth) hee shall bee excusable in rendring thus farre, even his outward condition, as to represent to your Honours, that hee is in most apparent danger of his irreparable losse of his health (the sweetest of outward blessings) unlesse by your gracious Grant, hee may speedily enjoy a more free and open Ayre, then this his close confinement will allow him.

And this Christian Favour (which even for

Christs sake your poore Petitioner most humbly begs) your Honors are as able to enlarge, even to a pardoning of his offences and a perfect releasing of h.m, from his imprisonment, as he is submissively forward in desiring them, though confessedly far from deserving them.

He neverthelesse promising, that your compassionate affording hereof, shall be a strong and standing engagement upon him, dayly beseeching the heart-making, and heart-changing God, that all those who either through former accustomednesse, or present inadvertancy, doe not clearly discern the minde of God concerning the Alteration of this Government, may by observing your prime and pious industry, to advance throughout this Commonwealth, the power of godlinesse, a Scripture Reformation, and the Truth as it is in Iesus, bee won to a yielding to your Honours, conscionable obedience, and not only in word, but in heart and life, may bee true and faithfull to this present Government.

WILLIAM IENKIN.

Resolved

Resolved upon the Question by the Parliament;

That Master William Jenkin bee pardoned, both for Life and Estate, for, and in respect of the Treasons, and Crimes, whereof hee is accused; and that Master Attorney Generall bee authorized and required to prepare a Pardon in common forme for that purpose, to bee passed under the Great Seale of England, and that the Lords Commissioners for the Great Seale bee authorized and required to passe the same under the Great Seale accordingly.

Resolved upon the Question by the Parliament;

That Master VVilliam Jenkin bee forthwith discharged of his Imprisonment, and Bayle, and that his Estate bee discharged of, and from Sequestration; and the Commissioners for Compounding, and other Officers are to take notice heereof, and observe the same accordingly.

Upon severall humble Petitions of Master Thomas Case, Master Ralph Robinton, and Master Thomas VVatton Ministers, the Parliament did grant unto each of them the like Pardon for Life and Estate, and discharged them from Imprisonment, and the Sequestration of their Estates.

Upon the humble Petition of Mr. Arthur Jackson Minister, the Parliament granted him a Pardon for his Life and Estate.

Upon Mr. Atturney Generalls Report of the humble and penitent Demeanour of Dr. Roger Drake, at his Tryall at the High Court of Justice, confessing the Treasons layd to his Charge, and his humble Petition, the Parliament did pardon him for Life and Estate, and ordered his Release out of Prison, and his Estate discharged from Sequestration.

The Parliament upon Report by Mr. Atturney Generall, of the like deportment of Lie-vetenant Colonel Jackson, Lie-vetenant Colonel Ioseph Vaughan, and Captaine Hugh Massey.

The Parliament likewise Ordered for each of them a Pardon for Life and Estate, and discharged them from Imprisonment, and their Estates from Sequestration.

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